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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

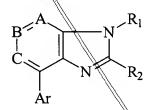
In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2002, in connection with the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the remarks provided below.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 4 according to the clean version provided below:

4. (amended once)

A compound having the following structure:



stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof, wherein:

A, B and C are selected from CR and N, with the proviso that when B is N both A and C are CR;

R is selected from hydrogen and  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

 $R_1$  is selected from NR<sub>3</sub>R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>;